

WELCOME TO
Old Zionsville United Church of Christ
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Pastor

David Carlson

Organist

October 13, 2024

10:15 a.m.

**those who are able may stand*

Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost

Prelude: "Jesus, I Come"

Stebbins

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Candles

Call to Worship (Inspired by Psalm 90)

One: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, O God, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Many: The Holy One meets us in the stillness of our thoughts, in the joy of our laughter, in the spontaneity of our encounters, in the hope of our presence.

One: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, O God, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Many: The Creator sustains us with mercy, reassures us with compassion, and challenges us with grace.

One: Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love, O God, so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

Many: Let us worship our Maker in spirit and in truth, through pain and despair, with the fullness of our being. .

Invocation (unison)

Everlasting God, we come before you with questions, and you question us in return. We declare that you are good, and you have declared us good. May we acknowledge that you make all things new, you redeem our days, and you empower us to be your people. In your presence, there is joy, and there is struggle. Peace surpasses understanding, and our hearts break. This defines the fullness of human community and experience in companionship with you. We give thanks for your presence and trust that you continue to transform the impossible into the possible. Make it so in us and through us in your precious name. Amen.

*Opening Hymn: "The Church's One Foundation" (vs. 1,3,4) p.401

Prayer for Transformation and New Life

One: Just God, we confess our attachment to things of this world, to our possessions, and to objects of status.

All: We acknowledge the pride we take in doing good things that require little of us while turning away from the needed thing that challenges our wants and desires. Make us repairers of brokenness and restorers of lost. Help us to discern that life in full pursuit of your kindom is rich, full, and freeing. Even as you test us, help us meet the moment with abounding love and abiding faith. Amen.

Words of Grace

Dear One, God is with you. Hear these words of assurance from 1 Corinthians 10:13, "No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful and will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing God will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it."

*Hymn: "Heal Our Land" p.800

Scripture: Mark 10:17-31 p.878

Reflection

The Apostles' Creed (unison)

I believe in God, the Father almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He

ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

Invitation to Generosity

Generosity is a spiritual gift that may be cultivated, grown, and nurtured.

Let us plant seeds today with our gifts that will bloom and provide a harvest beyond our expectation or imagination.

Offertory: "Yesterday, Today, Forever" Burke

*Presentation of Gifts and The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

**Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen**

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication (unison)

Gracious God, may the gifts we bring be magnified and do miracles in our community. Use them for restoration and hope as your kingdom is demonstrated before us all. Amen.

Choir Anthem

The Pastoral Prayer....The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen

*Closing Hymn: "Count Your Blessings" (vs. 1,3,4) p.786

*Benediction

Be strengthened in God's love. Be held in God's goodness. Be enriched in God's generosity. Do the hard thing by the power of the Spirit. Love our neighbors with the love of Jesus Christ. And, repair and restore the Holy One's good creation. Amen.

*Extinguishing of the Candles

*Postlude: "I've Found a Friend" Stebbins

Join us downstairs for a time of coffee and fellowship before you head home into your week. Second Sunday Treats welcomes YOU!



Eye of the Needle: Service Prayers for the Twenty-First Sunday after Pentecost Year B
was written by the Rev. Dr. Cheryl A. Lindsay who serves as Minister for Worship and Theology for the United Church of Christ.

TODAY'S CHANCEL FLOWERS are from Chris Schell in memory of his parents, Ruth-Ann and Carl Schell on their Wedding Anniversary.

TODAY'S BULLETIN is sponsored by Patricia Kuebler in memory of loved ones.

TODAY'S GREETER is Peter Yeakel.

TODAY'S LITURGIST is Wendy Yeakel.

RESTROOMS ARE AVAILABLE on the main floor of the Church and downstairs.
Bulletin MAGNIFIER SHEETS can be found on the sound system.

Our church is equipped with an Assistive Listening System. You provide your own headphones which can be connected to the transmitter which will allow you to more clearly hear the Worship Service or any program being offered in the Sanctuary. See anyone at the sound booth to inquire.



October is Pastor Appreciation Month-This time of year is most important as we should all appreciate or learn to appreciate our Pastors and encourage them as much as they encourage each of us. **Today** we are celebrating Pastor Lori. Remember to say "Thank you Pastor Lori".

Sunday Brunchers will be next Sunday, October 20, 2024 after Worship at the Mercantile Club, 427 Railroad St, Emmaus. **Lunch Bunch** this month will be on Saturday, October 26, 2024 at 12 noon at Chestnut Ridge at Rodale, 400 South 10th Street, Emmaus. Swimming after lunch. Please RSVP to Linda or Mark. All are welcome!

All Things Free Room (ATF) next Sort and Store will be tomorrow, Monday, October 14 at 10:00am. Thank you for your help with this giving ministry. **Help** is needed for the next **Giveaway** on **Monday, November 11** between **4-6 p.m.** and on **Saturday, November 16** between **10 a.m.-12 p.m.** This will be our Christmas Giveaway. For many years, civic groups and churches supported the pantry children by buying gifts. When the pandemic hit, these same groups provided gift cards. Last year we had very little financial support and needed to purchase nearly all of the gift cards. With the loss of support and the increase in food costs, the Pantry board voted to discontinue the gift program and focus on more food needs. With this change, **ATF** is anticipating their clients will be looking for more gifts specifically for children. If you would like to continue supporting the pantry children, please consider purchasing **NEW** toys or games for the younger children or **NEW** items suitable for teenagers. A **Wish List** has been created on Amazon. All donations (UNWRAPPED) need to be delivered to the ATF team on or before **NOVEMBER 3rd** since they will be serving their clients for Christmas in November and not seeing them again until January. Any questions, call or text Millie Kohler.



During September and October, \$3,087 was received toward the \$5,000 Matching Gift Challenge. The challenge will run through the end of November, so let's keep the momentum going!

Harvest Home will be displayed during Worship on Sundays, October 20 **and** October 27. You may bring items for Harvest Home and place on the pew outside of Pastor Lori's office. Mark them Harvest Home please.

Light in the Night will be next Sunday, October 20th from 4-6pm at the Township Building. Please let Pastor Lori know if you are willing to offer some assistance by running a game, leading a craft or helping in the kitchen. This is a great event for local families to have a safe and Happy Halloween experience together.

Our annual **Bazaar & Filled Basket Auction** is scheduled for Saturday, **November 9th** from 9:00 a.m. till 3:00 p.m. this year. We would love to have some homemade goodies for our Bake Sale. Also, we could **really** use some help **setting up tables on Friday night** (November 8) and **cleaning up on Saturday** after the basket auction. If you can help with either set-up or clean-up, please sign up with Patti Mittl.

As Thanksgiving is approaching, the Food Pantry is looking for participating churches to contribute appropriate items to the client's meal. Rather than packing a bag to share with all the usual standards, we are again providing the clients with a choice. Like last year, we will have a table full of all sorts of foods. With this approach, no specific requests are being made of each church. When you shop, feel free to select anything that might be included in a Thanksgiving meal. (some shopping ideas: stuffing mix, gravy, vegetables, pumpkin, cream of mushroom soup, French fried onions, biscuit mix, bread mix, cookie mix, or anything) Please shop and bring your contributions to church by **NOVEMBER 3rd**. Any questions, call or text Robin Yoder.

Angela Stahler is selling, for a donation of \$5 each, **Shopping Passes for Boscov's**. One day only, Tuesday, Oct. 22 from 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. The discount is 25% off lowest sale price and 15% off some merchandise and 10% off other merchandise. Details are on the flyer you get when you give Angela \$5. The coupon can be used online and in store. There is also a drawing for a \$100 Boscov's gift card. The \$5 "cost" for the ticket is a donation that will go to Grace United Church of Christ in Allentown where Angela works. Help support our sister church and get some great deals on early Christmas Shopping! Please see Angela today or you can email or call her.

*The following **Prayer** comes from our National Offices of the United Church of Christ. We have been encouraged to pray it every day during these 40 days before the election. Perhaps you want to cut this out and place it where you will see it each morning.*

Our scriptures challenge us to love our neighbors as ourselves. To love our neighbors, we need to see and understand them as they really are. Creator God, inspire us all to see the goodness in our neighbors, whoever has their vote. Amen.

Week of October 13, 2024:

Pastor Lori will have office hours on Wednesdays from 10am-3pm.
Other times by appointment.

Church Secretary Hours: Monday-Thursday 10am-3pm
(please call before coming)

Sexton: Richard Shoemaker (with Thanks to his wife, Brenda)

ATF Sort & Store – Monday @ 10am

Scouts – Monday @ 6pm

Property – Monday @ 7pm

Consistory – Tuesday @ 7pm

The Chosen – Wednesday @ 1pm

Pick up Ordered Soup and Sandwiches – Thursday between 3-5:50pm

Choir – Thursday @ 7:30pm

Next Sunday – 9:00am Sunday School

10:15am Worship, Harvest Home

Brunch after Worship

4-6pm Light in the Night at Upper Milford Twp. Building

Total Offerings from October 6:

General Offerings: \$2,487.00.00

Window Fund: \$1,050.00

Mission: \$15.00

Communion: \$43.00

Disaster Relief (Hurricane): \$230.00

Parking Lot Maintenance: \$70.00

Cemetery: \$10.00

Attendance: 56